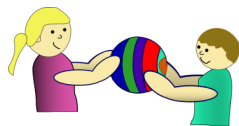


PE

I will confirm our PE day/s as soon as possible and on these days the children can come into school in their PE kit. Please see the school website for information about our PE kit. In our PE sessions we focus on developing the children's balance and co-ordination skills specific to the children's needs during our 'Sensory Circuits'. The children will focus on other parts of the PE curriculum, with Mr Beacham. The children will be engaging in outdoor learning daily, so they need to wear sensible flat school shoes every day. **They can wear trainers on their PE day.**



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All about me



Maths

In Maths, we are going to continue to use our very personalised approach to teaching Maths to enable the children to work at their own pace and reach their full potential. We have seen ALL the children make good progress by using this approach.

Please support your child to learn their early times tables by accessing Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) at home (please let us know if you'd like some counters to help with this). Numbots has some fun games to help your child too.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be looking at a range of stories to explore 'All about me'. Within this topic, we will be focusing on 'Growing up'.

We will do lots of speaking and listening activities about ourselves and our families. We will use lots of visuals and games to help us with our writing. We will have a go at writing words, sentences or even paragraphs about ourselves.

We are a 'Rights Respecting' school. We will write our class charter together where we think about our rights and how we can all work as a team to make school a happy and positive place to be.

We are continuing to develop our reading and writing skills in our daily Phonics lessons, as well as doing reading activities every day too.

Reading Books and Homework

Please try to read with your child for a few minutes every day. **Please return your child's book every Tuesday so it can be changed.** Please also practice your child's spellings with them and use the online Edshed games to help learn them.

We also send a homework sheet home every week. The children love to receive a sticker and house points when it is returned. **Please also remember to access the 'Reading eggs' app at home.**

Welcome back

We are so happy to welcome you all back to school and we hope that you had a fantastic Summer break! Welcome also to our new children and families - we are looking forward to getting to know you and helping you settle into the Acorn RP!

We have an exciting half term planned. Throughout the day, the children will spend time in all areas of our provision and with all staff members, to enable us to meet their individual learning needs.

During the morning and after lunch time, the children will have the opportunity to engage in a short sensory circuit to help them prepare themselves for their learning. This is part of our daily routine.

We will soon be inviting you in to our unit for a 'Stay and Play' session so you can enjoy some time with your child in school. Look out for the details!

We are always available at the beginning and the end of the day if you have any concerns or need to speak to Mrs Harrison or another member of the team. Mrs Harrison's working days are Monday - Thursday. The rest of the team are Miss Wilkie, Mrs Doherty, Mrs Brinson, Jenny and Patsy. Mr Bates also supports in the Acorn RP on a Friday and we enjoy doing outdoor learning with him.

Afternoon Activities and Mainstream Classes

In the afternoons, all of the children will continue to go back to their mainstream classes for some subjects. This is important for their sense of belonging within the school and to enable them to develop their relationships with their peers outside of the Acorn RP. It is also a requirement within the RP that the children access some of the mainstream curriculum and events; they are supported by staff where necessary, but we also encourage them to develop their independence where appropriate and if it right for the individual child. Mrs Harrison will ensure you know which days this will involve your children, as well as pick up arrangements.

In the Acorn RP, we focus on non-core subjects such as History and Music, as well as developing key skills in the afternoons. This half term the children will be engaging in History, Art, PSHE and mindfulness activities. We are continuing our interventions to help the children to understand and manage their feelings and emotions.

Healthy Snacks

We have fruit and toast available for the children at break time. Last term we had some children bringing crisps, biscuits and cakes into school for snack time. May we take this opportunity to remind you that **we are a healthy school** - if your child wants to bring their own snack, please ensure that it is a **healthy choice**. Thank you for your support with this.